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SUBJ: DEMARCHE ON OPEC PRICE DECISION: BENIN

REF: A. STATE 282460 B. STATE 278391

1. DEMARCHE MADE ON MFA THIRD WORLD AFFAIRS DIRECTOR CONGACOU PER REFTELS YIELDED NON-COMMITTAL, DEFENSIVE POSITION. CONGACOU PROMISED TO REPRESENT U.S. POSITION TO FORMIN ALLADAYE BUT TOLD EMBOFF THAT PAST GPRB POLICY HAS BEEN THAT OPEC PRICE RISES WERE JUSTIFIABLE IN VIEW OF (1) CONTINUED INCREASES IN PRICES FOR WESTERN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, AND (2) LEGACY OF ARTIFICALLY DEPRESSED OIL PRICES PRIOR TO OPEC ACTION. CONGACOU REMARKED HYPOTHETICALLY THAT IF BENIN WERE OPEC MEMBER IT WOULD SUPPORT OIL PRICE INCREASE.

2. COMMENT. CONGACOU'S REMARKS BORNE OUT BY PAST GPRB STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF DOMESTIC PRICE INCREASES WHICH EXPLAINED OPEC PRICE JUMPS AS DUE TO WORLD INFLATION. EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT TIMELY OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE.

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